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AID TO EUROPE

Marshall Preparing Figures

Washington, Sept. 10.—The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, announced today that he will have ready for submission to Congressional committees facts and figures on the need for interim aid to Europe by the end of October.

Mr Marshall said that the State Department was giving urgent consideration to some form of interim assistance "to meet the immediate threat of intolerable hunger and cold."

While definitely foreshadowing a special session of Congress, he declined to commit himself on this, declaring that "the question of how the necessary Congressional authority is to be obtained must await the development of the next few weeks."

"We see the requirements of European countries falling into two phases of one programme—firstly some form of interim assistance to meet the immediate threat of intolerable hunger and cold, and secondly, a general programme for the rehabilitation of the respective economies.

PRESIDENT INFORMED

"We expect by the latter part of October we shall have available working papers on the basis of which the appropriate Congressional committee could undertake the consideration of means to supplement European supplies of food and fuel for the coming winter, where it can be shown that every effort has been made equally to meet the critical needs.

Mr Marshall disclosed that President Truman, now on his way from Brazil aboard the battleship Missouri, had been kept informed of everything that had happened regarding the economic situation.

He nevertheless refused to go into details of what kind of aid would be needed—whether goods or dollars would be made available and what quantity if either would be needed.

He stressed that a flood of material was still coming to the State Department on the problem and had to be thoroughly examined and correlated before any positive views could be expressed.—Reuter.

LONDON OPINION

London, Sept. 10.—It was taken for granted in London today that the sudden summoning of the United States Senate Appropriations Committee for September 29 is a move towards relieving Britain of her dollar expenditure in Germany.

The "urgent and vital" financial matter concerning the Anglo-American zone which the Committee is to consider can only be the fact that Britain can no longer afford her half of its dollar cost.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin has stated that Britain will be unable to carry this burden after the present food allocations for Germany expire.

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Pit Disaster: Death Toll 8

Dewsbury, Yorkshire, Sept. 10.—Eight miners were killed and four more entombed by an explosion at the Thornhill pit early today. Another man was injured.

Seventeen night shift men were working in one part of the pit when the explosion occurred.

Four of them were blown to the ground by the blast, but, unhurt, managed to get out to give the alarm.

By this afternoon, four bodies had been recovered, four others located and four men were still missing.—Reuter.

"Shoot To Kill" Order Backfires

New Delhi, Sept. 10.—The "shoot to kill" order in New Delhi backfired early today when a sentry fired at a Government House car, killing the Sikh driver and injuring Lord Mountbatten's deputy military secretary.

The Governor-General's press attache, Campbell Johnson, escaped unhurt.

It was believed the sentry shouted at the car to halt and the chauffeur either did not hear or did not heed the warning.

Meanwhile, more reinforcements, including two squads of armoured corps, arrived in New Delhi and women constables were being recruited to search women passengers on trains for unlicensed arms.—United Press.

TROOPS IN ACTION

New Delhi, Sept. 10.—Troops struck on Wednesday against communal rioting in Delhi, blamed for 1,000 deaths this week, swiftly following up a pledge by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for action "on a war basis."

Military men said the disturbances were brought under control. "For the first time in four days the military has taken the offensive against the rioters," a high army source said.

Soldiers and police joined in raids on refugee camps which a spokesman said were suspected of harbouring gangs of killers who have been causing heavy casualties at the Old Delhi railway station.

However, the raiding parties found one camp virtually deserted and residents of a second apparently awaiting their arrival, and one officer commented, "There's been a tipoff."—Associated Press.

Overtime Work Plan To Boost Britain's Coal Production

RECOMMENDED BY UNION EXECUTIVES

London, Sept. 10.—The National Mine Workers Union Executive today announced a new overtime work plan to boost Britain's lagging coal production, which has been seriously crippled by the continued strike of almost 50,000 miners protesting against the "more work" orders.

Following a four-hour meeting, the Union President, Will Lawther, announced that the Executive had approved his master plan to increase production by either Saturday shifts or daily one-hour overtime stints—both at time and a half.

The recommendations of the Executive will have to be approved by Union locals, but this was a foregone conclusion since the overtime blueprint was the result of "feelers" put out to the miners and their local representatives.

The final choice of Saturday or daily overtime would be left to individual pits under the executive plan, which, together with strict adherence to the five-day week pay setup, was expected to result in a vigorous boost in coal production—the key to Britain's economic crisis.

STRIKE INDICATIONS

The Union's proposals for stepping up output will be discussed with the National Coal Board later this week, at which time new efforts to end the strike—which has cost the country more than half a million tons of coal—also will be mapped out.

Commenting on the strike, Mr Lawther said today that National Union leaders had been conferring with local Grimethorpe officials by telephone, "putting forward certain proposals which we believe will surmount the difficulty".

The optimism aroused last night by the announcement that the strikers at 15 Yorkshire collieries had agreed to return to work was dispelled today when only a handful of men showed up for the day shifts.

Despite personal appeals by Labour MPs and Union officials, who hurried around the bleak countryside from pit to pit urging sympathy strikers to return to work, 38 pits still were affected—22 of them completely closed—and thousands of men were seen at the Doncaster races today.—United Press.

ECONOMIC PROGRAMME

London, Sept. 10.—The British Cabinet was reliably reported on Wednesday to have approved a new economic programme which some London morning papers said would be aimed to boost British exports 60 percent above the 1938 level.

This export goal was announced by Prime Minister Clement Attlee before the House of Commons adjourned. The plan is expected to call for that level—which is about 40 percent above present production—to be reached next year.

The Labour Party organ Daily Herald said that the target would "be achieved by the control of raw materials and labour supplies" both of which could be reorganised under the government's broad powers which are similar to powers used in war-time to control and speed up war production.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph reported that the public works programmes will be reduced through local authorities which handle most of such projects and are heavily engaged in the government housing programme which may be sharply curtailed.

The Herald also reported that further cuts in the armed forces are coming. Mr Attlee has already announced that the forces will be cut to 1,087,000 by April—80,000 below the previously fixed demobilisation target. The Labour paper said that the new review of forces has "now been nearly completed and further reductions will be made known shortly".—Associated Press.

Careless Driving? No, Boils!

Slough, Middlesex, Sept. 10.—Colonel Vivian Stanley Williams was summoned here today for careless driving. The police said he "wavered."

But the magistrate was lenient and fined him only 30 shillings when he heard the defence counsel's explanation:

"My client is suffering from boils," he said. "From time to time he wriggled on his cushion for more comfort. He admits wavering when doing so."—Reuter.

JEW ESCAPES FROM CAMP

Leaders Still Held

Hamburg, Sept. 10.—One unidentified Jew escaped from Poppendorf refugee camp last night, it was established today, and there were indications that the Jewish underground had spirited him away.

British officials refused flatly to comment on the escape, but they denied previous reports that one of 50 alleged leaders of the Runnymede Park resistance against disembarkation had made a getaway.

The 50 leaders are held at Hamburg. At poppendorf camp at was established that one man did get free and it was believed he was from the Ocean Vigour.

The British authorities would say only that one man who arrived at the camp failed to show up on the camp roster.

It was established that he was not a ringleader among the Jewish resisters and, as far as could be ascertained in Hamburg, the leaders are still being held at Hamburg under the strictest kind of security and in the greatest possible secrecy. Beyond the fact of denying that anyone of them escaped, nobody would say anything.

A check of local gaols failed to reveal where the men were being held.

SETTLING DOWN

The British authorities hinted that they had removed the 50 men mainly to quieten the remainder of the Jews coming off the Runnymede Park and that previous plans for putting charges against them might not be carried out unless trouble ensues following their return to camp.

At the camp, the remainder of the 4,500 Exodus 1947 Jews were settling down to camp routine, making Nissen hut barracks and tents livable.

Intelligence officers began screening the refugees at the camps today, with five questioners handling the work.

Camp authorities at both Poppendorf and Amstau flately denied that there was any hunger strike in progress by any Jews, either at the camps or at military quarters.

The authorities are still investigating the planting of a bomb on the Runnymede Park. Chief petty officer Charles Piper, Navy demolition expert who found and removed the bomb, said it was the most powerful he had ever seen of its size and regretted not having had a chance to examine it. It went off after being taken off the ship.

Piper said it weighed only five pounds, but would have done heavy damage to the ship's hull.—United Press.

BRITISH REFUSAL

Washington, Sept. 10.—The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, disclosed today that the United States Government had urged the British Government to reconsider its decision to send the Exodus Jews to Hamburg but Britain had refused their request.

Mr Marshall said that in discussions with the British, the United States had expressed itself as being keenly aware of the unfortunate results that would follow from the unloading of the refugees at a German port.

It was because of this it urged the British Government to reconsider its decision.

The British replied, pointing out that only in Germany were housing facilities available for the Jews, although they pointed out that the French offer to take them was still open and that therefore there was no compulsion for the Jews to stay in Germany.

Mr Marshall refused to say whether he considered the British reply satisfactory or whether any further action was contemplated by the United States.—Reuter.

CANNED FOOD HOLD UP

London, Sept. 10.—The Ministry of Food announced tonight that it had been informed by Argentina that Argentina canned food shipments to England had been suspended, but the Ministry had no comment.

A Ministry spokesman said it was not yet known if the suspension were temporary or permanent.

The Board of Trade was surprised by the news but withheld comment until more details had arrived.

The Board of Trade estimated that England had imported about 50,000 tons of tinned meat from Argentina in the first seven months of this year.—United Press.

EMBASSY THREATENED

Cairo, Sept. 10.—The British Embassy in Cairo this evening received an anonymous letter threatening that the Embassy building would be destroyed if the Security Council decision, expected to be taken tonight, on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute were unfavourable to Egypt.

The letter, addressed to the First Secretary, said that in addition to the Embassy building, other British establishments in Cairo, including the Shell offices and depots would be bombed out.

The Embassy immediately informed the police who ordered additional security measures round the buildings named in the letter.

Earlier, Cairo's police commandant had declared a "state of emergency" and placed strong guards on all foreign embassies, legations, consulates and the residences of some foreign diplomats, to cope with possible disorders after tonight's meeting in the Security Council.

The Brazilian and Chinese and some other legations have also received anonymous letters threatening reprisals for having urged on the Security Council the continuation of direct negotiations between Egypt and Britain.

The letters said that the legations in question would be dynamited.—Reuter.

Farmers Defend Property With Tommy-Guns

Milan, Sept. 10. — North Italian farmers used Tommy-guns to defend their properties when a number of farm-steads in the Po valley were attacked during the night by unknown persons.

Farms in a village near Cremona were set ablaze by men who used petrol and phosphorus "Molotov cocktails".

As the strike of 1,000,000 farm labourers today entered its third day, "flying squads" of the strikers were reported to be enforcing the strike where agitation was half-hearted.

Milk supplies to the town is meanwhile diminishing and a steep rise in the price of much farm produce is expected during the next few days.

The Farmers' Association has protested against violence which they alleged has been used against labourers who were not willing to stop work in the fields. The Association has cabled the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, asking that the right to work principle be defended.

The farm labourers on their side, have protested against the farmers "trying to provoke the labourers with threats and weapons."

The labourers are striking to get better conditions. The real centre of agitation is in the rice growing area and the rice crop may be seriously damaged unless the dispute is settled quickly.

The employers refuse to give way unless the strike order is withdrawn.—Reuter.

BRITISH FARMERS WARNED

London, Sept. 10.—The Ministry of Agriculture today warned British farmers not to count on a mild winter.

The news is sure to be a blow to the farmers who, in face of the summer drought and disastrous spring floods, were charged by the Government crisis plan to increase British home food production 20 percent.

The Ministry weekly newsletter cautioned farmers to prepare for a hard winter rather than to gamble on a mild one.

Britain's warm summer raised farmers' hopes that the winter would be mild and ease the burden of increasing production.

The newsletter disclosed one of the ways the Ministry hopes to step up wheat production by pushing a new variety of wheat known as Steadfast, which produces shorter and stronger straw and has high rust resistance. The letter said Steadfast had white grain and was derived from a cross between Little Joss and Victor.

The Ministry revealed that the 1948 potato crop had been "barely sufficient for safety" and "every tuber of the 1947 crop will be needed."—United Press.

Arsenal Win Sixth Consecutive Match

WEST BROMWICH STILL UNBEATEN

London, Sept. 10.—Maintaining a 100 per cent record, cost the Arsenal dearly tonight and they finished the match virtually with eight men, Lewis pulling a muscle but carrying on under difficulties, Fields retiring with injury to his right knee and McPherson limping with injury before the finish. This win set up an Arsenal Club record of six consecutive wins, the previous best having been five wins and a draw with which they opened the season 17 years ago when they went on to win the championship.

Their goals tonight came in the first quarter hour of play through McPherson and Folken.

Bradford also maintained their 100 per cent record, although it was not until the second half that their superiority became pronounced and then Wilkins, Smith and Downie added to the firsthalf goal.

Brentford, who were the only team without a point prior to tonight's games, broke the ice in a decided fashion when outplaying Nottingham, who found a much improved team which combined well. Buchanan, Nelson and Blakeman scored their goals before halftime.

West Bromwich, who have drawn once, retained their unbeaten record tonight, while Swindon Town with a division of points, added to their sequence of draws, this being their fifth in six games played—four at home.

The results of games played tonight were:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	2	Bolton W.	0
Chelsea	1	Sunderland	1
Derby County	0	Manchester C.	0
Huddersfield	5	Grimsby Town	2
Wolverhampton	1	Middelsbrough	2

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	1	Fulham	2
Birmingham	4	Newcastle U.	2
Bradford	4	Doncaster	0
Brentford	2	Notts Forest	1
Bury	1	Sheffield W.	2
Leeds United	5	Plymouth	0
West Bromwich	3	Coventry	1

THIRD DIVISION SOUTHERN

Exeter City	1	Ipswich Town	0
Norwich City	1	Torquay U.	1
Southend U.	1	Swansea Town	1
Swindon Town	1	Brighton	1
Watford	1	Port Vale	1

THIRD DIVISION NORTHERN

Chester	4	Crewe & Alex.	2
Lincoln City	1	New Brighton	2
York City	2	Rotherham U.	0
Glasgow Cup Semi-final			
Celtic	1	Third Lanark	3
Rugby Union			
Bristol	16	Weston-super-Mare	5

—Reuter.

DAI REES IN GREAT FORM

London, Sept. 10.—British Ryder Cup golfer Dai Rees continued his brilliant link's pace on Wednesday by playing a 66 to equal the Langley Park course record and lead 21 southern zone qualifiers for the News of the World match play tournament

He had a 67 on Tuesday for an aggregate of 133. Second with 69-67 was Australian Norman Von Nida who carded his eighth consecutive tournament round under 70, a British record.

Three other members of the Ryder Cup team including the captain, Henry Cotton also qualified and one failed. They were Jimmy Addams, 69-68, Sam King, 73-71 and Cotton, 71-73. The non-qualifier was Reg Horne who totalled 150. Among the qualifiers was Flory Van Donck of Belgium with 70-68.

Another qualifying competitor at Belfast, Fred Daly, British open champion and Ryder Cup player, scored two rounds of 68 to win the only Irish spot in the finals of the tournament.—Associated Press.

Doncaster Race Meeting

Doncaster, Sept. 10.—The opening of the four-day race meeting, which is highlighted by Saturday's St Leger, proved a signal triumph for India, with the Gaekwar of Baroda winning the highly coveted Champagne Stakes and the Aga Khan winning the great Yorkshire Handicap with Anwar and the Clumber Stakes with Ndaru.

Lerins, ridden by Edgar Britt, scored an easy win in the five furlong Champagne Stakes.

Prince Aly Khan, who owns Anwar in partnership with his father, was highly delighted at the horse's win as it makes the St Leger favourite, Migoli, look extra good.

"Migoli recently beat Anwar out of sight in a gallop and we now have great hopes of Migoli winning the final classic," Prince Aly Khan said.

Ridden by Gordon Richards, Anwar starting at 7 to 1, won by five lengths from the outsider Las Vegas.

Ndaru, starting at 100 to 30 and also ridden by Gordon Richards, had an equally easy six lengths victory.—Reuter.

LEGER CALL-OVER

London, Sept. 10.—The callover on the St. Leger, Britain's last classic of the flat-racing season to be run at Doncaster on Saturday, at the Victoria Club tonight was:

9 to 4 Migoli taken and offered. 7 to 2 Pearl Diver offered, 4 to 1 taken. 4 to 1 Arbar taken and offered. 13 to 2 Sayajirao offered, 7 to 1 taken. 20 to 1 Merry Quip offered, 22 to 1 taken. 20 to 1 Tite Street offered, 25 to 1 taken. 28 to 1 Bow and Arrow offered, 33 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Whiteway offered, 40 to 1 taken. 50 to 1 Chiropodist offered, 66 to 1 taken. 66 to 1 Compressor offered. 66 to 1 Blue Coral, 80 to 1 taken. 66 to 1 Mighty Maharatta offered. 100 to 1 any other offered.

The probable starters and jockeys are: Arab (Charlie Elliott); Bow and Arrow (Sam Wragg); Blue Coral (W. H. Carr); Chiropodist (Billy Rickaby); Compressor (Michael Beary); Merry Quip (Tommy Weston); Mighty Maharatta (J. Foy); Migoli (Gordon Richards); Pearl Diver (George Bridgland); Richard III (Cliff Richards); Sayajirao (E. Britt); Tite Street (Whillie Evans) and Whiteway (Eph Smith). —Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Human Rights

THE fundamental rights of individual human freedom necessarily form the basis of all government, both national and international. That is the view held through the western world by democratic societies, whereas other philosophies put the claims of the State first which inevitably leads to Nazism or Fascism, or other forms of totalitarianism. Therefore, before any form of world authority can be set up, it is essential to see that these human rights are written into its charter. These Rights may of course be defined as the Four Freedoms enunciated by the late President Roosevelt, but particular care has been taken to specify and enumerate them in various Bills of Human Rights which have been put forward in recent years by governments, associations and international thinkers such as the late H. G. Wells. Eighteen of these documents have been collected by the United Nations Secretariat and have been submitted to the drafting committee of the Commission on Human Rights. The British government has made its contribution with a White Paper which provides for the sanctity of the home, public trials with every man presumed innocent until found guilty, no deprivation of life and liberty save by the process of law, no form of slavery to be permitted, every person to be free to express his ideas orally or in writing or in art form, and free to receive and disseminate information of all kinds, subject only to essential restrictions, complete religious freedom, and freedom of peaceable assembly and association for all lawful purposes. It is provided that none of these rights should be modified or abrogated except in time of war or national emergency, and then only temporarily and to the extent strictly limited by the exigencies of the situation. It is appropriate that the British Government in particular should take a leading part in the promotion of such a Bill, for the provisions laid down in the White Paper have always formed part of the fundamental laws and practice of the Home country. It should therefore be one of the chief promoters of its incorporation in the international law of nations. Moreover, Britain has not only asserted these rights for its own citizens; they form part of the tradition also of its sister nations in the British Commonwealth, and since it is committed to a policy of self-government for its colonies, it follows that they should be read into the constitution of any country in the Colonial Empire attaining self-government. Fundamental human rights should be assured at least throughout the British system, whose rule Field Marshal Smuts recently declared he would be prepared to rely upon even before the United Nations. If, however, Britain and the United States show the way, there is no reason why these fundamental human rights should not be recognised and enforced throughout the world, and that is a basis upon which future world government can be safely and hopefully reared.

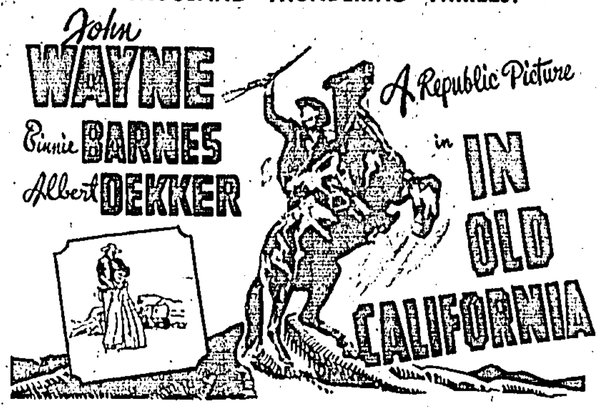
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SPAIN IS SICK ECONOMICALLY

By FRANK BREESE
(United Press Special Correspondent)

THE peseta is more of a problem for Franco than is any politician.

Although as Chief of the Spanish State, Franco is not confronted with any internal political problems, he has plenty of economic worries. Both Spanish and foreign experts have expressed the belief that Spain's future is likely to be determined by economic factors than by political developments.

The economic situation is extremely complex—so complex that simplifying it in easy terms is likely to distort it.

Spain's economic plight is characterised by shortages—shortages of foreign exchange, shortages of raw materials, shortages of capital goods.

Foreign economics experts described the "unrealistic peseta quotation" and Spain's awkward relations with other countries as two important reasons for the worsening economic situation.

The official peseta quotations is 11 to one US dollar, 44 to the pound Sterling. In Tangier and Lisbon, where the open markets peg currency at its real international value, one US dollar will buy over 33 pesetas and a pound note, 100 pesetas. This divergency of value has discouraged foreign buyers from placing orders for Spanish goods. When deals are approved by the government at the official rate, the dollars and pounds have relatively small buying power: Spanish goods become expensive before the foreign buyers expose them to their own nations' duties and handling charges.

To make matters worse, Spain's foreign currency supplies are at a low level. Foreign diplomatic quarters reported that Spain's dollar supply is nearly exhausted. They said her sterling position was stronger but her Swiss franc stocks were down. This means that Spain is not free to buy and get shipment of anything she wants. A Spanish importer said he was unable to bring in a small order of jeeps because the government did not have the dollars to spare.

U.N. BOYCOTT

THE situation is aggravated by the unwillingness of several nations to do brisk-scale business with Spain because of the United Nations boycott that has hung over the Franco regime. Spain needs equipment and needs raw material to get her whole economic structure on a working basis. The United States is one nation that could straighten Spain out quickly with a loan, equipment and material.

The American Government's attitude is that no loans will be given. Further, they have discouraged private loans. Private banking houses may grant credits to Spain, but the custom is for them to consult with the State Department. The State Department has told inquirers, up to now, that Spain is considered a poor risk.

Britain is buying foodstuffs from Spain, but she is not exporting much because her exports are spread thinly over all the old markets, with Empire points getting preference.

Without Anglo-American collaboration, one by incapacity and the other by inclination, Spain is not getting the replacements needed for the worn-out machinery in Catalonia's textile mills or the raw cotton for the machinery that is still functioning.

France took the initiative in ordering the closure of the Franco-Spanish frontier 15 months ago. France is the big loser, according to Spanish businessmen, but both nations are losing heavily.

INFLATION

SPAIN is doing business with many countries. Except for the Argentine trade, which is a temporary lifesaver for Franco, the rest the International commerce is useful but not vital, foreign economists claim.

The local effect is staggering inflation. The moneyed classes are not disturbed by the inflation because they have so many pesetas that the actual price is a small detail. Spaniards who live off their salaries and wages, from the middle classes to the masses, have been hard hit by the inflation. They find it difficult to cover necessities with their incomes. Although one does not see people collapsing in the streets or dying from hunger, anti-regime Spaniards claim that a considerable percentage of Spaniards suffer from a gnawing feeling because they are not getting enough to eat.

The economic situation is completely fluid. Foreign diplomats have expressed the opinion that the life expectancy of France's regime may depend on the trend of the economic situation.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE bus conductor who complained the other day that a passenger "grinned at him" was talking sense.

There is a world of difference between the happy grin and the insolent grin, and, according to the latest statistics of the Smile Control Board, there are 42 sorts of grin in between, each of the 42 being capable of infinite *nuances*. Then there is the smirk, the leer, and the dry smile of the *pince-sans-rire*. Philosophers say that laughter is a human phenomenon. Cats can grin, but the green wood-pecker or yaffle can laugh, as he may be heard doing any fine day now in the weald of Sussex. The hyena's laugh is a mere screech.

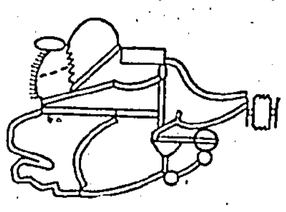
Perhaps, after all, that passenger was only grinning and bearing it.

Evans the Hearse in training

AT a trial push yesterday, over a timed ten yards, Evans the Hearse started badly. Failing to keep his eye on the pea, he sliced into what may be called the rough—a dirty puddle. The pea became soggy and slippery, and Evans barked his nose on a stone.

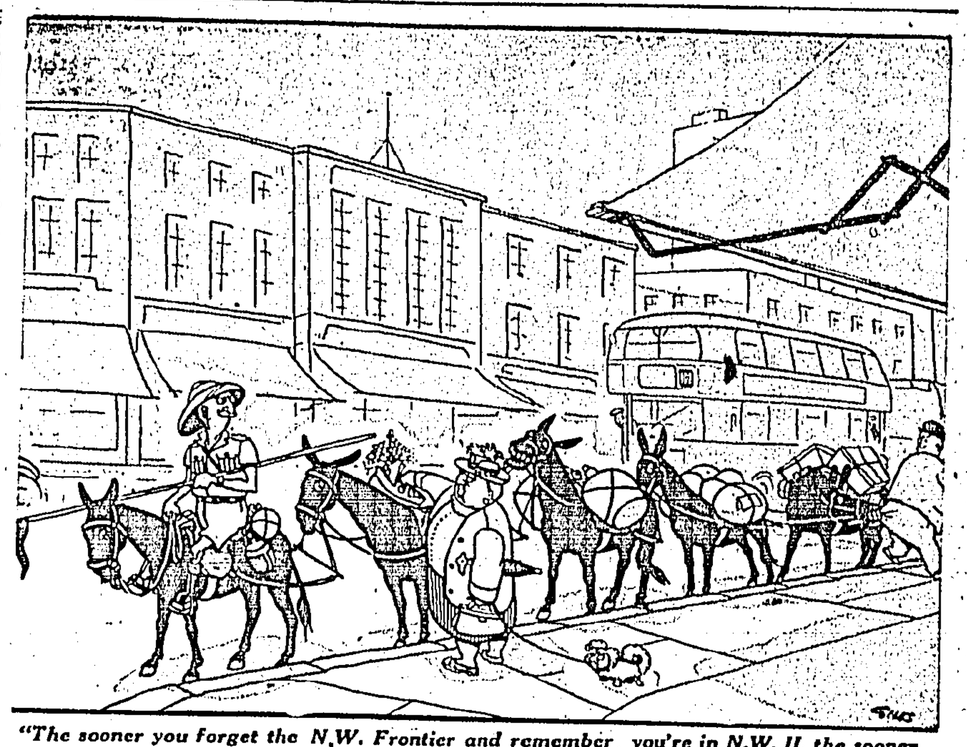
The Strabismus Rocket

THE new Strabismus Rocket is now almost complete, but the journey to the moon will not be attempted for two months at the earliest. The accompanying sketch shows a section of the Dufresne pressure - compounder. Note the tapering shaft runaway governors under the locking end gauge.



In Passing

THE booing of Ministers when they appear in public is a very healthy sign—if only because they are such damnably bad actors. Which reminds me that you could have great fun before curtain-rise on a first-night in the old days, by standing up and bowing the moment the audience began to applaud the entrance into the auditorium of a popular actor or actress. Many of those who had not seen who was being applauded naturally thought it was the gentleman bowing graciously from his stall. And the rage on the faces of the actor's or actress's hangers-on was worth seeing.



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BOMBAY.

FROM 1,700 lusty British throats a great wave of spontaneous song swept down from a ship's side over a Bombay quay. Ten feet out, as the dozen hawsers slackened and were cast away, they sang: "Bless 'em all, bless 'em all."

Then out of the rainy monsoon mist of Bombay harbour they flung back the words of "Rule, Britannia."

Growing fainter across the oily green water, the singing changed and died with "Auld Lang Syne."

Then the rain squalls curtained off the deckloads of suntanned faces. And they were gone.

The first British troops to withdraw from India, 48 hours after the transfer of British power, had sung their way out to sea, homeward bound aboard the 27,000-ton hired transport Georgic. The first visible symbol of the end of a great era in British history had been formally completed. A 200-year-long chapter closed.

In the next four to five months nearly 25,000 more British troops will sing their way out of Indian ports. Those chosen for the first draft were the Royal Norfolk Regiment and an R.A.F. fighter squadron which left its Tempests on the North-West Frontier.

Past glory

THE Norfolk lads who left are the heirs of the first Norfolks to come to India 112 years ago, the men who left their dead at the storming of the Khyber Pass in the Afghan War, which ended in 1842.

One hundred and five years later—March of this year—their police work saved thousands of lives and hundreds of homes at the height of the Punjab riots.

These Norfolks were the star turn of the farewell. There hundred men of the new Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, with Earl Mountbatten, the Governor-General, and British and Indian Service chiefs, paraded in the rain to cheer them away.

Mountbatten told them he had needed no better ambassadors to do his job than the British troops, with their friendly behaviour and protection of lives and property."

The farewell message of Premier Nehru was read by Indian Major-General Cariappa, Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Indian Union. For a moment it cast the only chill breath of political expediency over a friendly parting.

Said Nehru: "Foreign armies are the most obvious symbols of foreign rule. They are essentially armies of occupation and their presence must inevitably be resented."

The Norfolks heard it in a polite but puzzled silence. They felt that perhaps Nehru had not heard how they saved 2,000 Sikh lives among the bullets of sniping raiders in the blazing little town of Kahuta only four months ago.

They remember how, in the middle of it all, Lieutenant Chris Kirby—he is 20—rescued a Sikh woman and brought her baby into the world in the roadway of a flaming street. Kirby is godfather to a nice little Sikh boy now.

Welcome visits

NONE of these lads, just like the ones Kipling wrote about, ever discovered in the past year that anyone resented him as he marched to and fro on police and rescue duties in Bengal and the Punjab. The arrival of British troops at a trouble-spot has stopped every riot they have ever seen.

They do not like India for the very good reason that their homes are in Norfolk. The most popular tattoo on their brawny arms shows a sweating British soldier standing above a scroll which says, "India—never again."

Yet down in B Company hold of the Georgic, George Middleton, of Shipdham, and Jim Chapman, of Yarmouth, Ron Graver, of Blofield, and a score of other Berts and Jims and Georges from that green and pleasant county, told me they thought they were leaving a lot of good friends in India.

"Listen, chum, every village we ever went into tried to make us stay. It was always, 'Char, sahib?' and then they would bring out pots of tea and curried chicken. Blimey, I'm that fed up with curried chicken! It didn't matter what they were, Sikhs, Moslems, or Hindus, they have been glad enough to see us arrive in the last few months. Never known one of 'em not sorry to see us march out. We've palled up with all of 'em."

Sikh tribute

THE presence on the quayside of 100 men of the 14th Royal Sikh Regiment was no accident. Sikh homes and families owe a bigger debt to the Norfolks than to any other troops or police.

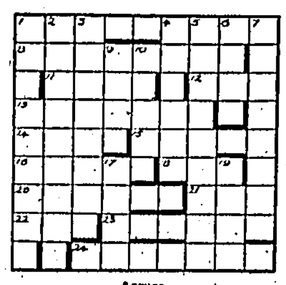
Today, as new Punjab boundary areas blaze again in a fresh wave of riots, the Norfolks are being remembered, maybe looked for hopefully, by the long trails of refugees straggling out across the plains.

When the Georgic was out of sight a dashing Sikh band played the Royal Salute while the Governor-General inspected the immaculate, red-turbaned Sikhs, rigid lines of airmen, and spotlessly turned-out Indian Navy guard. They drilled like Guardsmen.

It reminded us on the quayside that though the British march to the coast is on, there is something indestructible and great that we cannot take with us.

It is a spirit of service and discipline and a grand, proud swing from the shoulders. The Indians will not forget that.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Creep on it (anag.). (5)
5. Would you say miser to one on a secret mission? (5)
11. Unusual shape for cricket you often proved playable. (4)
12. Devin may find himself snookered by one. (3)
13. Make one of. (7)
14. The till's bent, broken into to some tune. (4)
15. How you can make a small brown antelope groan. (5)
16. You may see lots doing this at the sale. (5)
18. With Meg it proves spicy. (3)
20. Bring on an an inevitable consequence. (6)
21. You may hear this before ten. (3)
22. Any way of saying no. (3)
23. Place that makes father a red. (6)
24. He often considers his award point by point. (7)

Down
1. It makes Reg fluent in a brilliant way. (6)
2. A moot line (anag.). (9)
3. One of the things we lost during the war. (8)
4. Man o' the trees. (6) —
5. The army of today is not this. (6)
6. Warning cry of news to come. (4)
7. Smells like cooked food. (8)
9. The sailors seasoning. (4)
10. Giant killing weapon. (5)
17. Neck or nothing. (4)
19. With time it never waits. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Ushered; 6, Ambit; 10, Violation; 12, Eked; 13, Ere; 14, Tow; 16, Potation; 18, Saturate; 21, Heredes; 24, Tandem; 25, Tod; Down: 2, Davenport; 3, Shock; 4, Build; 5, Spoken; 8, Bone; 9, Dispose; 15, Date; 9, Tile; 11, Loaded; 14, Tease; 17, Greed; 17, Tarn; 20, Iron; 20, Toe.

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Anita Gordon was seen lunching at the Brown Derby in Hollywood, in a boxy jacket and skirt. The jacket was of pink and heather tweed. It was belted halfway in the back, with a double closing in the front. A "Robin Hood" hat of Pink felt flaunted a Purple feather.

Gracie Allen was seen at Mocambo, wearing a Black net skirt which featured a peplum jacket of Pink paillettes. Miss Allen wore, pinned to her upper left pocket, a rose which sparkled against the paillettes.

Natalie Draper was seen lunching at the Town House wearing a print silk dress which emphasised the new short dolman-draped jacket. The dress had a Black background with White exclamation points printed on it, while the jacket was the reverse of this colour scheme. Miss Draper wore a diamond clip in the form of an exclamation point which was pinned to her Black faille purse, which matched her broad-brimmed picture hat.

Joe Stafford chose for wear at outdoor parties a Red and White striped cotton dress which features a White cotton "boxy" jacket with a wide flare in the back. The jacket has turned-back cuffs of the striped fabric, fastened by frogs of Red and White stripes. Joe wears her long, wavy hair caught up in a Red snood.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Climbing exercises are excellent. If you go into a gym you should use the exercise bar for developing legs. If your legs are heavy, wear hose with pointed heel lines and be sure to select the deeper shades of Beige. And wear plain shoes and simple pumps. Thin legs look best in the lighter champagne Beige tones, with square-heel outline. Shoes with straps and a little ornamentation are the most becoming.

PRISON CAMPS PROPOSED FOR MALAYA

Gaols in the Malayan Union are becoming so overcrowded, that serious consideration is being given to the introduction of prison camps, particularly along the east coast of Malaya.

Prisoners in the 15 gaols in the Union increased by 200 in the last two months, and the prison population today is approaching 3,550. The total capacity of all gaols is 4,600.

Taiping, which before the war was the central long term convict prison for the Federated Malay States and is capable of housing 940, now has 800 long term convicts.

Kuala Lumpur prison, with accommodation for 600, is overcrowded.

In Alor Star, where the prewar normal prison population was 120, there are 500 prisoners today.

Serious On East Coast

In order to ease the strain, large numbers of convicts have been transferred from Taiping and Kuala Lumpur, to the large gaol at Johore Bahru.

The overcrowding situation is so serious along the East Coast that a suggestion has been made that short term prisoners should live in prison camps and work in quarries, bridges or on roads under guard, following the system in East Africa.

That suggestion might even be considered to relieve the acute congestion in west coast gaols—if the prison population continues to rise.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Hello, dear! I just thought I'd run down for at least one glimpse of you during our vacation!"

272 CHINESE SENTENCED TO DEATH

China's postwar trial of traitors and collaborators is gradually drawing to a close, but war crimes trials are expected to last well into winter, Reuter reports from Nanking.

Of 9,400 persons brought to trial on treason charges since V-J Day, 272 have been sentenced to death, 732 given life imprisonment, 3,880 acquitted, and the remainder jailed for varying terms. These figures were given by Dr Hsieh Kwan-sheng, Minister of Justice, in his report to the People's Political Council on activities of judicial organisations in China.

Collaboration cases have dwindled following the Chinese Government's decree fixing the end of last year as the deadline for bringing charges against traitor suspects, and it is expected that all cases still pending will be settled soon.

Dr Hsieh's report disclosed that there are still some 2,000 cases of treason under investigation and an equal number pending sentence.

New Court

He stated that in order to facilitate proceedings against alleged Chinese collaborators, the Chinese Government had authorised the creation of a new High Court in Nanking in April last year.

The Ministry of Justice, pursuing a policy of "fair play", had issued the following instructions to courts handling treason cases:

1. Severe punishment for those guilty of false accusations;

2. Rejection of accusations made by anonymous persons without concrete evidence;

3. Investigation of traitor suspects in case of wrong identity;

4. Confiscation of traitors property if guilt is established.

Dr Hsieh revealed that the Chinese War Crimes Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr Shih Mei-yu, President of the Kiangsu High Court, had investigated no less than 165,643 cases of war crimes involving 5,371 Japanese.

1,200 More

Waiting for trial at present are still some 1,200 war criminals whose cases are expected to be concluded by winter.

Special military courts have been set up in Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Hankow, Canton, Tsinan, Mukden and Taipei (Formosa) for trying such cases.

Offences gathered in the past 18 months included murder, mass slaughter and organised intimidation, rape, torture, malicious bombing, the destruction of religious relics, robberies, confiscation of private properties, and forced detention.

Culprits in these offences included Japanese servicemen, gendarmes and ordinary citizens.

Dr Hsieh added that 20 top Japanese war criminals are now on trial at the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo with Chinese prosecutors participating in the proceedings.—Reuter.

YOUR DOG

On The Scent

MOST dog owners like to show how clever their pets are, but the time given to tricks could be more profitably spent in teaching a dog useful things such as carrying a basket, bringing the master's slippers, and retrieving lost objects.

This accomplishment develops from lessons in retrieving and in scent discrimination, where the dog learns to distinguish an object worn or handled by his master from other articles of the same kind. All dogs can distinguish scents, but some have the sense more keenly developed than others.

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Lessons started in puppyhood, where the dog is encouraged to bring back master's glove and rewarded when he does it correctly, will pay dividends later.

I have seen a dog on a country walk with his master sent back over a mile to fetch some object left behind at a picnic spot; and a retriever I knew would go down a row of houses all exactly alike, find the one which his master had just visited, go inside and pick up a spectacles case left behind in the drawing room.

LEO C. WILSON.

WILD DOG OF BIKINI

The U.S. Navy has discovered that Pluto, the wild dog of Bikini, is a she and not a he.

The Navy issued a communique stating that the Seabees on Bikini had found a wild dog and hoped "to tame him before they return to the States".

The Navy went on to report that although the antecedents of Pluto were unknown, the dog was of interest because it had lived on the island since the atomic bomb explosion last summer. Pluto was described as having the build of a terrier and the height of a springer spaniel.

Seabees John Donofiro captured Pluto with a hambone.

Then the Navy issued another communique. It has established positively that Pluto is a she, not a he, as the Seabees previously surmised. Triumphantly the communique announced: "She will ride back to the United States aboard the USS Chilton to share honours with Pig-311 and Goat B. O. Plenty as the famed survivors of the Bikini atomic blast".—United Press.

HE HAS MARRIED 35,000 PEOPLE

Walter Grimaldi, Tottenham's Superintendent Registrar, who has married 35,000 people in 35 years, is planning a new register office. There will be proper marriage rooms, instead of poky little offices, he says, painted cream and a delicate shade of duck's egg blue which will not clash with any bride's dress. His first office in 1912 was in a converted stable.

Some people are practically registered with him for marriage. Some he has married two or three times, and one woman to her fourth husband. One bride's father said he would not be bothering him again, as the girl was the last of his 17 children to get married there.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. SIMAY-MOLNAR
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Q—R3. 1. . . P—Q5; 2, Q—R5 (ch); 1. . . P—B4; 2, Q×KtP (ch); 1. . . K—B4; 2, Q—K3 (ch).



Many Film Stars Said To Be Reds

The House Un-American Activities Committee expects its investigation of Communism in Hollywood to expose a "Red Network" running from top to bottom in the film industry, reports United Press.

Representative Richard M. Nixon, said the public hearings to start on September 23 "will be sensational". A parade of top-notch actors, writers and producers will testify.

Nixon, a member of the Committee, said it will identify by name those persons in Hollywood who are tied up with Communist activities. It now has a group of special investigators at work on the West Coast collecting evidence for the hearings.

The Committee's best weapon against Communism in the movies, he said, is exposure. He said some producers are already "jittery" for fear the Committee will disclose some of their highly paid stars as "fellow travellers" and thus kill their box-office appeal.

Parlour Pinks

Nixon said the investigations would disclose that some of the "top people" in Hollywood are engaged in Communist activities, although they are not necessarily nationally known.

"Some of the bigger stars involved are more parlour pinks than active Communists", he said. "We want to get at the real people behind this".

Nixon said Committee members have become increasingly concerned with pro-Communist lines and sequences "slipped into" some motion pictures.

"In case of another depression like 1932", Nixon said, "we don't want the Communists to be in a position to stir up the people through this important medium for influencing public opinion."

The Committee will tee off its investigation with testimony by movie song writer Hans Eisler. The composer is a brother of Gerhart Eisler who allegedly was once a top agent of the Comintern and who is held for trial in Washington on passport fraud charges.

INSECT LANDS ON HIS HIGH NOTE

Romolo De Spirito, tenor star of the Memphis Open Air Theatre's "Martha," was singing like an angel.

The singer was reaching for a high note in one of his principal arias and his voice soared out into the night. Attracted perhaps by the melody, came an unsought admirer.

Suddenly De Spirito gurgled, choked, and the beautiful high note went into a power dive. A little green aphid, perhaps wishing to investigate the music at its source, had done a tail spin on the gifted tenor's tonsils.

De Spirito tried once more, but again his voice broke. He finally gave up and stood shaking his head sadly. The audience, in tribute to his gallant effort, broke into a loud round of applause.—United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Where is the native home of the Hottentot?
2. What country controls Zanzibar?
3. Whose servant was Sancho Panza?
4. What two continents are sometimes referred to as Eurasia?
5. From what region is cayenne pepper obtained?
6. About how many persons were beheaded by the guillotine during the Reign of Terror?

(Answers on Page 4)

NEW RECORDS

And now: BEBOP

SWING and boogie-woogie enthusiasts will welcome the originality with which Dizzie Gillespie introduces "Bebop," the latest style in jazz which he created.

He and his orchestra play "Our Delight" and "Good Dues Blues," and there could be no finer introduction to Bebop than Alice Roberts singing "Good Dues Blues" to a fascinating modern accompaniment.

Although Bebop is not everybody's taste, it is something which takes jazz up the scale in modern musical idiom. (Parlophone R. 3034).

There are some neat uses of strings and clarinet by Artie Shaw and his Orchestra in "I've got you under my skin" and "Anniversary Song." (Parlophone R. 3042.)

Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra play "Gotta get me somebody to love" from the film "Duel in the Sun." (His Master's Voice BD 1160.) The singer is Stuart Foster, there is something of Jack Teagarden's quality in the way he sings. He also has a Crosby-like ease in style.

About 1940 Benny Carter and his Orchestra recorded "Scandal in A Flat." Now it has been released over here. There is some pleasant piano playing from Eddie Heywood and a good saxophone solo. The reverse side goes with a swing into "Savoy Stampede." (Columbia DB 2312.)

Robert Tredinnick

Rupert and the Jumping Fish—16



As he gets nearer the headland Rupert has to go more slowly for the rocks are slippery and broken, but he clambers right to the edge of the sea. "I'd better stand up so that the jumping fish can see me," he thinks. "Hallo," there is a fish coming this way but he's a much larger one. Golly, I hope he can't jump, too!" The big fish makes straight for him and lifts his head from the water. "Are you Rupert Bear?" he asks. "If so, I've come to carry you to the sea serpent."

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CHINA'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW TALKS ON EGYPT DEFEATED

Lake Success, Sept. 10.—China proposed a resolution aimed at bringing about a solution of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute when the Security Council resumed its discussion of the Egyptian complaint against Britain today.

The resolution said that the Security Council, having confidence that the re-establishment of direct contact would result in an early evacuation of the remaining British armed forces, should recommend that Britain and Egypt (1) resume negotiations, and (2) keep the Security Council informed of their progress and report not later than January 1.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, adopted a non-committal attitude towards the Chinese compromise resolution. He neither accepted it nor turned it down.

The British delegate, however, condemned the resolution as "unsatisfactory."

Nokrashy Pasha told the Council: "No one questions the sincerity of the Chinese delegates, but I would like to make it clear that so long as British armed forces continue on Egyptian territory, I can see no prospect of fruitful negotiations with the United Kingdom.

Complaint Of Pressure

"The stationing of foreign armed forces on our territory puts Egypt in a position of inequality in the discussion of the dispute, as we are under constant pressure. A potential threat is always there.

"I have repeatedly asked the United Kingdom to withdraw her troops. This was not complied with. Why? I can only conclude that their purpose is to exert pressure upon us.

"It was only after the failure to rectify our position through negotiations that we came to the Security Council to reclaim our sovereignty. The British will not evacuate of their own accord and, unless we are relieved of this pressure, no negotiations will be successful".

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British representative, said: "If this resolution is put to the vote in its present form, my Government would not consider it acceptable".

Resolution's Defect

Various resolutions had now been propounded, he said, which attempted to alter or restrict the field of negotiations or assure priority to certain parts of it. The present resolution seemed to suffer from that defect.

"It does not simply call for a resumption of negotiations, but seems to emphasise 'evacuation,'" he said.

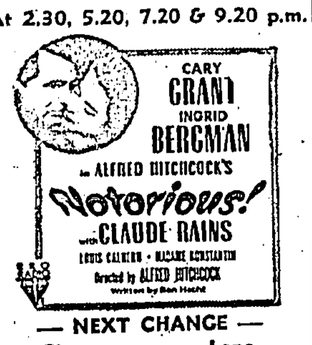
Sir Alexander Cadogan denied Nokrashy Pasha's accusation that the presence of troops exerted pressure on the Egyptian Government.

The Chinese resolution, designed to bring about a resumption of negotiations between Britain and Egypt, was defeated.—Reuter.

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NO BRIDES FOR DP's EXCHANGE

London, Sept. 10.—A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the British Government would reject any suggestion of exchanging the 15 Soviet brides of British subjects for displaced persons whom the Soviet authorities claim as Soviet citizens.

The spokesman said: "We would not contemplate any traffic in women and children."

Referring to the statement of the deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, made during Mr Vishinsky's stay in London, the spokesman declared that the question of the Soviet brides could not be linked up with that of alleged Soviet citizens living as displaced persons in the British zone of Germany.

When asked about the Soviet brides, Mr Vishinsky expressed his interest in "150,000 Soviet citizens" who, he said, were detained by the British.

"It is not quite clear what Mr Vishinsky meant," the spokesman said. "All Soviet citizens are allowed to go to Russia if they want to do so, but there are reputedly Soviet citizens refusing to go to the Soviet Union."—United Press.

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED

Geneva, Sept. 10.—The third annual assembly of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation will tomorrow consider the recommendations for an 18-nation World Food Council, which were adopted at a meeting of the Assembly's commission on constitutional measures lasting until the early hours of this morning.

This Council, if accepted, will replace the present executive committee as the FAO's governing body.

Sir John Boyd Orr, the British Director of FAO, at the organisation's last assembly in Copenhagen proposed that the World Food Council should have authority to create a world food pool for the purchase, sale and distribution of foodstuffs on a world wide basis.

But the "Council of the Food and Agriculture Organisation" as laid down in the recommendations evolved last night will be only an advisory body designed to aid in co-ordinating national and international policies in relation to food.

Council's Aims

If the recommendations are accepted the Council will be formed under an amendment proposed by the United States, which makes the council members official representatives of the countries concerned, under an independent chairman.

The council's main duties would be: (1) To examine developments in inter-governmental agricultural commodity agreements; (2) To co-ordinate national and international policies in relation to production, distribution and consumption; (3) To promote the study of critical situations and recommend action to improve them; (4) To advise on emergency measures for the export and import of food or materials needed to carry out national programmes of agricultural development.—Reuter.

MADE SKELETON KEYS AS HOBBY

London, Sept. 10.—The defence counsel did his best today when Frederick Harding, 71, was tried on a burglary charge at the Old Bailey.

The police testified that after capturing Harding in the flat of Mrs Ursula Thomason, they found in his possession a large amount of Mrs. Thomason's jewellery and 123 skeleton keys. Harding has 14 previous burglary convictions.

"My client has been trying to go straight. He makes skeleton keys as a hobby," said the counsel.

The sentence was two years.—United Press.

Record Motor Car Exports

London, Sept. 10.—July exports of British motor cars reached an all-time record of 13,800, official statistics showed today.

The total is 60 percent greater than the highest prewar monthly volume, and the value the greatest ever—£3,600,000.—United Press.

No War, Forecast

Euston, Sept. 10.—The Secretary General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, today told a convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters: that he was convinced that there will not be another war within the foreseeable future. He said, "No country with power to make war regards war as a practical proposition now or in the future."—United Press.

NEW TALKS ON ITALIAN COLONIES

London, Sept. 10.—The deposit of the instruments of ratification by the Big Four powers of the peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland, will almost certainly take place next Monday, September 15, in Paris and Moscow, a Foreign Office spokesman told his press conference here today.

The ceremonies will at last bring the first five peace treaties actually into force after delays stretching back to last February, when they were signed in Paris.

When the ceremonies are successfully concluded, Britain is expected to take the immediate initiative in convening a conference of deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers to discuss the future of the Italian colonies in Africa which, under the terms of the Italian peace treaty, must be settled within one year of its coming into force.

A further important development resulting from the coming into force of the peace treaties will be the obligation placed upon Britain and the United States to withdraw troops from Italy, excepting the Trieste zone, within 90 days, that is by the middle of December.

The Soviet Union will be obliged to withdraw and liquidate troops from Bulgaria by the same time limit. In Hungary and Rumania, the Soviet Union is permitted to retain such troops as are necessary to safeguard lines of communication with Austria.—Reuter.

Deadlock On Atomic Control

Lake Success, Sept. 10.—A complete deadlock on the future of international control of atomic energy was reaffirmed today when Mr Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, flatly rejected the second report of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

Mr Gromyko strongly criticised the United States for attempting "to ensure for itself a monopoly in the production of atomic weapons."

He added that the United States' "high sounding statements" were in contradiction with their actions.

Mr Gromyko repeated Russia's rejection of the principle—accepted by 10 out of 12 members of the Commision—that the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency should own and operate all plants producing nuclear fuels.

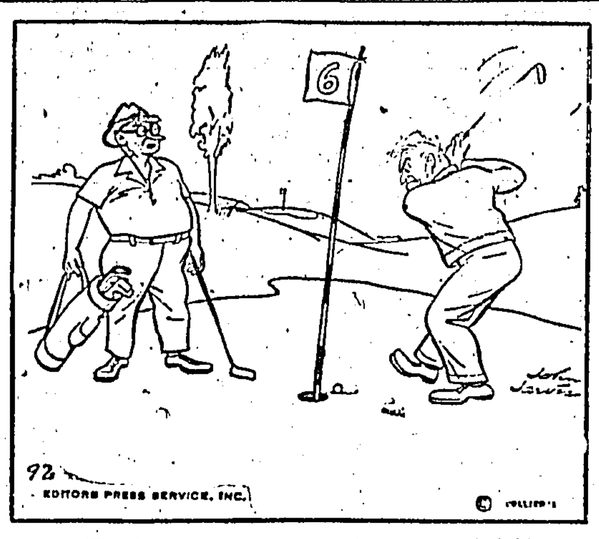
He also repeated the Soviet view that before any international control can be established, all nations must sign a convention prohibiting the manufacture of atomic weapons and ensuring the destruction of existing stocks.

Mr Gromyko ended his criticism of the American viewpoint, which is almost the view of the majority, with the words: "It is absolutely impossible to accept the dictatorship of one country in atomic matters".—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Southwest Africa. 2. England. 3. Don Quixote's. 4. Europe and Asia. 5. The West Indies. 6. About 2,500.



"Too bad you weren't shooting for this hole!"

Leftists On Warpath As Italian Strikes Spread

Rome, Sept. 10.—Leftists today charged the Minister of the Interior, Mario Scelba, approved the use of "strike breakers" and ordered the police to give them every protection.

There were several scattered fist fights in the strike provinces but no major incidents were reported.

A general strike began today in Reggio Calabria on the tip of the peninsula. At Reggio Emilia, in the north, a general strike was called as an "outraged protest against the murder of a partisan" last night.

An official partisan declaration said: "We are not launching words of war," but it asked the unity of the masses to oppose "those who are Fascists or want to return to Fascism, speculators, those who starve the people and those who make Italy subservient to foreigners."

Pietro Nenni told newsmen that his motion "offers the Chrisilan Democrats the choice between dismounting their horse or the fatality of being thrown off by implacable opposition."

He warned Alcide De Gasperi that "in the present condition you would be lacking in your duty, not as chief of the government, but as an Italian preoccupied by interests of the country, if you do not accept the proposed debate."

Other Leftist Charges

The Communists are quiet on the Nenni proposal and appear to be playing a waiting game while Nenni leads the Leftist offensive against De Gasperi.

Other Leftist charges against De Gasperi, involving the United States, were aired by a Foreign Office spokesman under questioning by a Communist newspaperman today.

The Communists first asked if the United States would maintain lines of communications in Italian territory after ratification of the peace treaty. The Foreign Office said the peace treaty provides no such privilege.

The spokesman also said that the Foreign Office had no report that America would demand bases in Italian ports.

He was questioned on a United States columnist's statement of a secret army report that the Communists would seize Italy when the American troops withdrew and asked if such a report might have been based on information furnished by the Italian Foreign Office to the United States State Department.

The spokesman replied: "The whole thing concerns a story published by an American newspaperman, and I am not going to discuss it."—United Press.

SPELLMAN FOR VATICAN?

Rome, Sept. 10.—The afternoon newspaper, Momento Sera, said today that according to semi-official reports, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will be appointed Vatican Secretary of State.

The Vatican said they knew nothing about such an appointment.

The post of Vatican Secretary of State has been vacant since its last incumbent, Cardinal Maglione, died in September 1944.

Cardinal Spellman has been frequently mentioned for the post.—United Press.

U.S. STUDIES NEXT MOVE

Washington, Sept. 10.—The U.S. State Department is studying what moves to make next towards writing a Japanese peace treaty and unifying Korea, Secretary of State George Marshall told a press conference today.

Marshall said talks with China and Britain on Korea had to be postponed because the Russians rejected an American invitation that they also attend a proposed four-power conference.

The United States is studying the Soviet reply to decide what move to make next. Marshall said the State Department is also studying the question of whether to go ahead with preliminary meetings on a Japanese peace, settlement concurrently with the New York meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This would be a 10-nation conference since the Soviet Union rejected the invitation to attend. Russia insists the Big Four Foreign Ministers should write the treaty.—Associated Press.

Aid To Europe

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It was only a few hours before the news of the calling of the Senate committee meeting that London got wind of this United States move. It was regarded here as an excellent augury for the coming conversations with the United States Treasury Secretary, Mr John W. Snyder and the other United States officials now here.

As a pointer towards a stop-gap dollar aid for Europe before the Marshall plan can operate, this Senate Committee meeting was regarded here as indicating Congressional action far more speedy than could have been hoped, even a few days ago.

It was noted also that the Chicago wheat market yesterday soared by the maximum permissible daily advance on the talk that the Marshall plan would mean much higher prices for United States wheat.

As a further price inflation and before Europe actually gets any more dollars; this was intrinsically unwelcome to London observers.

But it did imply that wide-awake Chicago traders were now prepared to back their own money on the Marshall plan giving Europe more dollars wherewith to buy American exports, and on Europe getting these dollars not merely in time to avoid a slump in the United States commodity prices but even in time to boost them further.—Reuter.

Jewish Children Stone German POWs

Kyrenia, Cyprus, Sept. 10.—Sea-bathing for the Jewish immigrants interned at Xylotymbou camp here was stopped today after a clash between Jewish children and German prisoners of war in which a bathing party of Jewish children attacked the Germans with stones, inflicting minor injuries.

This is the most serious yet of a series of incidents arising from German working parties operating close to the Jewish camps.—Reuter.

SHUT-DOWN IN MARSEILLES

Paris, Sept. 10. — Marseilles, France's second city and biggest port, was paralysed today by a two-hour strike which stopped factories, dockyards, transport and all public services except water, electricity and gas.

A strikers' delegation which visited M. Moyon, Prefect of the Bouches du Rhone Department, handed him a 48-hour ultimatum, warning him of further action if measures were not taken to satisfy the strikers demands that (1) slackers should be compelled to work, (2) the quality of the bread should be improved, and (3) the public employment law (fixing the hours and wages of civil servants) should be applied.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 6.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11 p.m.

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6.30, Reuben Solomon and His Jive Boys; 6.45, Concert Waltzes; 7.00, B.B.C. Transcription Service: "ITMA" with Tommy Handley; 7.30, Studio: La Demi-Heure Francaise; 8.00, London Relay: World News; 8.10, London Relay: Home News from Britain; 8.15, Studio: A Religious Talk by the Rev. Hatt-Lipscomb, S.C.F.; 8.25, Interlude; 8.30, Studio: Record Revue. A revue of the latest records received by ZBW. Presented by Nicki Lorraine; 9.00, B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Queen Victoria was Furious" No. 2. Emily Davies; 9.30, Under the Baton of Bruno Walter. Vienna Philharmonic Orch; 10.00, London Relay: News; 10.10, Weather Report; 10.11, Tchaikovsky: "The Sleeping Princess" Ballet; 10.37, Music for Dancing; 11.00, Close Down.

Drastic Cut In Forces Predicted

London, Sept. 10.—A highly placed Government source said today that Britain would cut her armed forces below the strength originally contemplated in Prime Minister Clement Attlee's economic crisis programme.

The cuts, the exact extent of which has not been determined, will not mean any new revision of strategic concepts, he added. Attlee originally proposed to reduce the British forces to 1,007,000 by the end of March 1948, to reduce government expenses and free men for civilian work. The forces now total 1,300,000.

Mr John W. Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, conferred privately today with Mr Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer. A government source said it was a "safe assumption" that Mr Dalton inquired about the possibility of the United States releasing the frozen portion of her $3,750,000,000 loan to Britain. The last $400,000,000 was frozen after Britain withdrew permission for other countries to change their British currency to dollars.—Associated Press.

REPORTED U.S. REQUEST

Rome, Sept. 10.—An Italian Foreign Office spokesman said today that he knew nothing of reports yesterday in the Rome newspaper, Momento Sera, of a possible United States request for naval bases in Italy.

After the peace treaty was signed, foreign warships must ask permission before entering Italian ports, the spokesman said.

Yesterday the Momento Sera reported Admiral Bernard H. Bieri, commander of the United States naval forces in the Mediterranean, as saying: "The United States fleet in the Mediterranean is here to stay."

Admiral Bieri would not say whether the United States was seeking Italian naval bases, the paper wrote, but its correspondent believed that such plans were under way in Washington.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

Thursday, September 11

Tsamkong (Kwongchowwan) (Sea) 1 p.m.
Haiphong (Sea) 2 p.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki & Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney & Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Foochow, Taimar (Formosa) and Swatow (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Canton and Shanghai (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Friday, September 12

Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Canton (Sea) 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila, P.I., Ceylon, India, East and South Africa (Sea) Noon.
Manila, P.I. and Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Sea) 6 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg, Marseilles, Augusta and London (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Singapore, Colombo, Soerabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Saigon (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping and Chungking (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Canton and Hoihow (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki & Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

Manila, P.I., Honolulu, USA & Canada (Air) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Canton (Sea) 8.30 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.
Amoy (Sea) 2 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 3 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton and Kweilin (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.



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